MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

February 8, 2013

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on February 8, 2013 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Daniel Beardsley; Susan Knorr Rodriguez, and Gayle Mambro-Martin (present on behalf of the General Treasurer).

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Melissa Malone and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Vice Chairperson Daniel Beardsley called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the January 4, 2013 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

VOTED   To approve the meeting minutes of January 4, 2013.

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Sharyn Wilk   Help desk support coordinator with the City of Cranston. (Estimated service credits 7 year, 2 months)

Member requested a continuance upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

VOTED: To continue Ms. Wilk's reconsideration hearing to March 8, 2013.

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ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Joseph Theroux   Fire lieutenant with the Woonsocket Fire
                                  Department. (Estimated service credits 24 years,
                                  15 days)

    After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical
reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and
upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

    VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr.
                                  Theroux's application for an accidental disability
                                  pension.

ORDINARY MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Douglas Munroe   Casework supervisor with the Department of
                                  Human Services. (Estimated service credits 24
                                  years, 8 months, 26 days)

    After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical
reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and
upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

    VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board
                                  Postpone a decision on Mr. Munroe's application
                                  for an ordinary disability pension.

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Benita Fernandez   Social caseworker II with the Department of
                                  Children Youth and Families**.** (Estimated service
                                  credits 4 years, 5 months)

    After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical
reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and
upon a motion duly made by Ms. Mambro-Martin and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

    VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny**
                                  Ms. Fernandez's application for an accidental
                                  disability pension.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Neal McCarthy
Police officer with South Kingstown**.** (Estimated service credits 9 years, 3 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED:
To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. McCarthy's application for an accidental disability.

Christopher Leveille
EMS Lieutenant with the Central Coventry Fire Department**.** (Estimated service credits 11 years, 7 months, 2 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

VOTED:
To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Leveille's application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Kathleen Hart
A teacher with the Cranston Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 10 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED:
To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Hart's application for an ordinary disability.

Marie Hebert
A teacher with the Cranston Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 11 years, 5 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED:
To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Hebert's application for an ordinary disability.

| **Denise Valenti** | A Social caseworker II with the Department of Children Youth and Families. (Estimated service credits 21 years, 2 months 11 days) |

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

| **VOTED:** | To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Valenti's application for an ordinary disability. |

| **Shelley Regan** | An industrial hygienist with the Department of Health**.** (Estimated service credits 23 years, 5 months) |

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

| **VOTED:** | To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Regan's application for an ordinary disability pension. |

DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

Discussion regarding the disability application process continued until March 8, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez it was unanimously:

| **VOTED** | To adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. |

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

March 1, 2013